

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
TEXARKANA DIVISION

SHAWN HAWKINS

PLAINTIFF

v.

Case No. 4:20-cv-4032

COMMISIONER,
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Before the Court is the Report and Recommendation filed on August 18, 2021, by the Honorable Barry A. Bryant, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. ECF No. 24. Judge Bryant recommends that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 21) be granted. No party has filed objections to the Report and Recommendation, and the time to object has passed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Upon consideration, the Court adopts the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 20), and Plaintiff's motion (ECF No. 21) is **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, the Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to compensation under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") in the amount of \$11,557.60. This award represents 54.6 attorney hours in 2020 at an hourly rate of \$203.00 and 2.3 hours in 2021 at an hourly rate of \$206.00 for work performed. This amount should be paid in addition to, and not out of, any past due benefits which Plaintiff may be awarded in the future.

The parties are reminded that the award herein under the EAJA will be taken into account at such time as a reasonable fee is determined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406 in order to prevent double recovery by counsel for Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 17th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Susan O. Hickey
Susan O. Hickey
Chief United States District Judge